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1. It has been reported that on 15 June 1953 all present Deutsche Personalausweise (German Personal Identity Cards) (DPA) will be declared invalid. At the same time, all DPA's will be made valid for a period of from one to two months after 18 June 1953 by a stamp declaring this extension. The stamp is to be imprinted on one of the inner pages of the DPA.
 2. During the period between 18 June 1953 and the date of the expiration of the extension, application must be made for the new DPA. The application form must be executed in duplicate, and it is allegedly to contain in addition to the regular questions pertaining to date of birth, residence, marital status, etc., questions of a strictly military nature, e.g., former military rank, any special training undertaken while a member of the former German Armed Forces, front to which committed, etc.
- 1/ [] Comment. [] the new DPA's will be valid only in the Bezirk in which they are issued. Travel between Bezirke and from any Bezirk to East Berlin would require a special pass, presumably to be granted after application to the pertinent Volkspolizei Kreisamt.
- 2/ [] Comment. [] the application for the new DPA will thus serve a double purpose and will, in reality, provide necessary data in the event of a subsequent general conscription.

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